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GROWTH OF BRITISH POPULATION.

The following paragraph taken from the *London Times*, February 5, 1897, compares the growth of the population of Great Britain with that of Germany, which is rapidly becoming an important commercial rival:—

The memorandum of the Board of Trade gives the increase of population during the last 25 years in the countries mentioned as follows: France, two millions; United Kingdom, eight millions; Germany, 11 millions; and United States, 31 millions. The increase of the United States includes that of the colored population. Dealing only with white populations, that of Germany appears to have increased faster than that of Great Britain by three millions. But precisely within the last five-and-twenty years the habit has grown in the families of the United Kingdom of sending members of the younger generation to the colonies. The natural increase to be expected from these branches of the family has taken place outside the limits of the United Kingdom. We look for it in the records of the colonies, and we find that, as nearly as they can be stated, the figures for the years 1871 and 1895 are as follows. It should be said that, owing to irregularities in the census, the figures for South Africa are only approximate. They include the white population alone:—

WHITE POPULATION IN THE SELF-GOVERNING BRITISH COLONIES.

	1871	1895
Dominion of Canada.. .. .	3,635,024	5,083,424
Australasia	1,924,770	4,238,369
South Africa.....	250,000	500,000
	5,809,794	9,821,793

Thus in 25 years, while Germany has gained upon us by three millions at the heart of the Empire, we have gained four millions at the outskirts, and the total gains in both cases stand thus: Germany, 11 millions; Great Britain, 12 millions. The result given in the memorandum of the Board of Trade is reversed, and British increase of population, instead of being less, is greater than that of Germany.

TRADE OF UNITED KINGDOM.

The following paragraphs taken from the *London Economist* of January 23, 1897, summarize the growth of trade in the United